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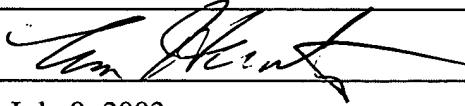
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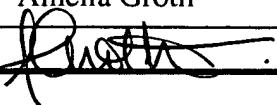
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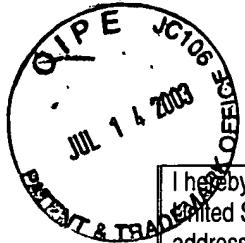
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In re application of:

PAUL A. PRICE

Application No.: **10/045,596**

Filed: **10/18/2001**

For: **A FETUIN-MGP-MINERAL
COMPLEX IN SERUM**

Examiner: Theodore J. Criares

Art Unit: 1617

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months.

REMARKS

In the March 25, 2003 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a method of determining the risk for calcification of arteries and other tissues in mammals;

Group II: Claims 13-21, drawn to a method of screening for an agent that reduces or ameliorates one or more symptoms of the calcification of arteries and other soft tissues;

Group III: Claims 22-31, drawn to a method of monitoring the efficacy of a treatment for one or more symptoms of calcification of arteries and other soft tissues in a mammal;

Group IV: Claims 33-43, drawn to a method of determining the risk for atherosclerosis in a mammal;